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By: **Chairman, Commerce and Government Matters Committee**  
**(Departmental - Ethics, State Commission on)**

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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Ethics - Local Election Directors - Public Officials - Chief**  
3 **Administrators - Boards of Elections**

4 FOR the purpose of amending the definition of public official under the public ethics  
5 law to include the ~~chief administrator of each local board of supervisors~~ election  
6 director for each county board of elections in the State, including the Baltimore  
7 City Board of Elections; and providing for a delayed effective date of this Act.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
9 Article - State Government  
10 Section 1-101(a) and (b)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1999 Replacement Volume)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article - State Government  
15 Section 15-103(b)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (1999 Replacement Volume)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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**Article - State Government**2 1-101.3 (a) In this article the following words have the meanings indicated.4 (b) "County" means a county of the State and, unless expressly provided  
5 otherwise, Baltimore City.

6 15-103.

7 (b) Except as provided in subsection (f) of this section, the following  
8 individuals in executive units are public officials:9 (1) an individual who receives compensation at a rate equivalent to at  
10 least State grade level 16, or who is appointed to a board, if the Ethics Commission  
11 determines under § 15-208 of this title that:12 (i) the individual, acting alone or as a member of an executive unit,  
13 has decision making authority or acts as a principal advisor to one with that  
14 authority:

15 1. in making State policy in an executive unit; or

16 2. in exercising quasi-judicial, regulatory, licensing,  
17 inspecting, or auditing functions; and18 (ii) the individual's duties are not essentially administrative and  
19 ministerial;20 (2) any other individual in an executive unit, if the Ethics Commission  
21 determines that the individual, acting alone or as a member of the executive unit, has  
22 decision making authority or acts as a principal advisor to one with that authority in  
23 drafting specifications for, negotiating, or executing contracts that commit the State  
24 or an executive unit to spend more than \$10,000 in a year;25 (3) a member, appointee, or employee of the Maryland Stadium  
26 Authority;27 (4) a member, appointee, or employee of the Canal Place Preservation  
28 and Development Authority; [and]

29 (5) a member of the Emergency Medical Services Board; AND

30 (6) ~~THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF~~  
31 ~~ELECTIONS IN EACH COUNTY AND BALTIMORE CITY ELECTION DIRECTOR FOR EACH~~  
32 COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS.33 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
34 effect January 1, 2001.

